

## **REPORT OF MEDICATION BRIDGE**

The Medication Bridge Program was initiated in Wolfeboro, NH in January of 2001. The program is staffed by volunteers and remains an all-volunteer program. We operate under the umbrella of the Foundation for Health Communities, which is based in Concord, NH. The program has seven volunteers, most of who assist four hours each week. Overall, an average of 70 volunteer hours each week is contributed to the program. Of the 40 plus programs in the state, Medication Bridge is one of the three programs in the state of New Hampshire that is staffed totally by volunteers.

The first patient was enrolled in the program in January of 2001. As of June 30, 2005, we had over 340 patients enrolled. A total of 15,364 medications were received by people enrolled in the Medication Bridge Program.

We rely totally on medical providers, Tri-County Community Action and word of mouth to bring patients to the program. The number of patients and the value of free medications provided are a clear testament to the need of this type of program in this area.

**We currently serve 25 residents from Alton. From July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, residents from Alton received 351 medications valued at \$73,570. The cost to the patient is basically \$0.**